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APRIL 12, 1978 (SALT TWO-1692)

- SECOND STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR EARLE
- APRIL 12, 1978
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MR. MINISTER:

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE DELEGATIONS IN
REACHING AGREEMENT ON PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II, ITS
AGREED STATEMENTS, AND COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS, AS
PRESENTLY REFLECTED IN THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, IS THE CUL-
MINATION OF LONG NEGOTIATION. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE
UNITED STATES, WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE, THAT THE SIDES
SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO INSURE THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDER-
STANDINGS OR UNCERTAINTY IN DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN LAUNCH-
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ERS OF MIRVED MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS OF NON-MIRVED MIS-
SILES.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THE
FOLLOWING COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE
II:

THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF ICBM OR SLBM LAUNCHERS ARE MODIFIED, CONVERTED, OR CONSTRUCTED AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY, ANY SUCH LAUNCHERS WHICH ARE LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS SHALL BE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES NOT EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ON THE BASIS OF EXTERNALLY OBSERVABLE DESIGN FEATURES OF THE LAUNCHERS. CHANGES TO LAUNCHER MODIFICATION, CONVERSION OR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS UNDERWAY AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED.

WITH RESPECT TO THIS COMMON UNDERSTANDING, THE TERM "MODIFIED" REFERS TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE PRINCIPAL OBSERVABLE STRUCTURAL DESIGN FEATURES OF THE LAUNCHERS. FURTHER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS ON LAUNCHERS OF MIRVED MISSILES, THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE USE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING ANY PHASE OF MODIFICATION, CONVERSION OR CONSTRUCTION.

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MR. MINISTER, THE PROPOSAL I HAVE SET FORTH WILL
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ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WORK OF THE DELEGATIONS
ALREADY DONE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH
5 OF ARTICLE II. EARLE

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